

'This Here' Provides Funhouse for All



Rally Dance swings as students participate in "This Here" Dance. Here we see Mike McCormick and Martha Pickering "act up" at the dance. The dance was a complete success with everyone having a good time.

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Girl-Ask-Boy Plan Resulted In Successful Rally Dance

Friday the Thirteenth unlucky? Certainly not for the happy crowd that attended the annual girl-ask-boy Rally Dance on January 13, 1961! The first dance of the new year was a frolicksome funhouse entitled "This Here."

Once the girls dragged their guys in, there was never a dull moment.

The boys, with their corsages of vegetables, candy, etc., and their money safe in their pockets, were escorted from one booth to another by the gals. The girls and their dates wasted lots of pennies aiming at the little pans floating around in water. They got a big bang (!) out of shaving balloons, and some funny moments throwing jello at the smiling (but not for long) faces of Rally boys. The kids got their revenge on their teachers by throwing darts at the pictures of them. For the teachers' pets and poor shots, balloons were hung among the pictures.

For those with an eye to the future, Suzanna Gonzales, our female foreign exchange student, told fortunes to one and all. And, last but not least, a marriage booth was set up for those couples who were romantically inclined. Seeing the number of couples that, after a short ceremony and long smacker, marched happily out with their marriage license, it appears that some of the guys were rather glad that the gals had talked them into going to "This Here!"

Means, Bill Palmer, Diane Peabody, Larry Sommerton (V.P.), Totty Spragens, Chuck Stacy (Pres.), and Marcia Worthing; Juniors, Brian Allen, Judy David, Gayle Easton, Jan Edwards, E. J. Emerson, Jean Fleming, Sherie Grant, Janice Gulley, Bill Hays, Cindy Hillyer, Bob Ingham, Phil Knox, John Riner, and Doug Southworth. All of them worked together on the "x" bids, the posters, the many booths, and the decorations and entertainment.

Friday the Thirteenth unlucky? Hardly!! Despite poor English, "This Here" was just about the best and liveliest dance our Rally Committee has ever had — and a wonderful way to start off another year of excitement and happy memories.

Mardi Gras Is Western Style This Spring

On the night of March 3, 1961, the clubs' annual Mardi Gras will be held. Block A will have the same popular booth as last year, and the Dance Group will again sponsor social dancing in the lunchroom for those couples who enjoy it.

On the night of the Mardi Gras, which this year will have a Western theme, the Clubs' Commissioner is sponsoring a beard-growing contest and a hairy-leg contest. Boys will have ten days in which to grow their manly crops of fuzz. It will be advisable for the boys participating in the hairy-leg contest to wear Bermuda shorts on the day of the contest, the better to show off what's being judged.

No costumes may be worn to school; save them all for the dance that night.

A five-cent admission will be charged for the Mardi Gras this year by C.S.F. Doorprizes will be given by each of the clubs. "What with all the work everybody is putting in on the Mardi Gras," Nancy Holland says, "it ought to be very good this year."

Blueprint has decided upon a saloon theme for its booth. Various types of soft drinks will be served in imitation of some well-known liquid refreshments. Gorgeous dance-hall girls (dressed) will be circulating about the floor for the entertainment of the guests. The bartender will be clad in typical TV Western clothes.

Besides working so hard on the Mardi Gras, the Girls' League is having a cake sale on January 25. Also Ski Club is going on a ski trip to Highway 50 from January 27 to 29. A.E.C. is planning a field trip to either Cal or San Jose State. G.A.A. will start bowling third quarter and hopes to form a league again this year. They urge all girls to come out for this healthful exercise. There will also be an all county playday on April 29. This will be held at Acalanes.

You may have seen the new March of Dimes posters around the school. Glen Ensminger has formed a youth group for Lafayette to collect for this drive, which will be held during the month of January. Anyone who wishes to join this group may sign up in the Dean's waiting room. One of the money-raising activities was a cake sale on January 11. Each Saturday the girls go out and collect from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. A running tally is kept, and at the end the girl collecting the most will be named "Miss Dimes Doll of '61" and will be given a trophy.



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Students May Go Before The Council

Student Council on December 12, third period, discussed among other items Student Control and the question of whether the student body was fairly represented in Student Council.

Doug Dodds, a student who used his prerogative to come before Student Council, raised the question of whether the students were properly represented under the present system. He later said the following: "I think that a lot was done in the home room situation."

Student Council went on to discuss the problem of properly informing the student body on the issues before Student Council. President Doug Treter stated that the problem was partly solved by the Student Council Honor Code Committee which is in the process of informing the student body about Student Council.

The point was made that the students could contact their representatives in order to express their opinions and affect the activities of Student Council. In case the student body is unaware of its representatives, lists of student body representatives will be posted so that the student body can contact its representatives.

The Student Council turned to a report by Pete Augenthaler, Chairman of the Student Council Honor Code Committee. He stated that a Student Council poll would be distributed the next day. In reference to the Blueprint poll conducted earlier he said: "The poll was taken when the issues on Student Control were not clear and when no concrete ideas or suggestions had been presented to the Student Body." He also said that the student body may have a referendum if the new poll warrants it.

Best Talent Assembly Yet Entertains Student Body

As a restless audience settled back into its seats, Brian Allan and Daly, that famous entertainer from the "hungry-i," shuffled onto the stage. And with this, Act I, the show was on the road. What show? The 1961 Talent Assembly, of course!

The show gained momentum, as such not-unfamous performers as Steve Brudney, Bill Palmer and Tanny Hanscom bent the ear with "I Bawled."

Next we were able to re-live childhood memories of enchanting hours spent in Mother's lap, as Penny Couden told the most beloved fairy tale of them all, "Prinderella and the Cince." Of course we all remember how on "the stottom bep, Prinderella slopped her dripper" and disappeared into the night. Alas, poor girl!

The program continuing, Karin Morrison sang to us of the sad plight of a lad and his girl named Mary. Bill Mayes (no relation to our famed advisor) told us of "Hospitality Blues", and Scotty Scott sang Danny Boy." Lurette Matson, a girl with a comedienne's mind, related the

daily trials of the local bus driver. Joan Campbell sang "I Believe" and Beezie Moore did a trumpet solo.

But as Bill Mays prepared to give us a touching Bach Rondo Tocata in D Minor, Beezie Moore, Bob Reichert, Art Colwell, Bob Brandt and Jim Effinger enthusiastically broke forth with the theme from "Peter Gunn." And Bill, not to be outdone, remembered an old saying, "If you can't fight 'em, join 'em." So he did. The script was cast into a pile of already dusty volumes, and the stage darkened until such times as other performances of value should ascend its steps.

Thus the curtain fell on the Acalanes Talent Assembly of 1961.

Talented Seniors Will Put On Performance on February 1

On Wednesday, February 1, the Senior Class will present their version of the 1961 Senior Talent Assembly to the student body. Derek Knudsen, vice-president of the Senior class, is general chairman for the program.

Planning is still in the tentative stage with the theme as yet undecided. However, according to Mr. Nelson, advisor, the students may find themselves on a whirlwind journey traversing the entire globe, with five minute stop-overs in such scenic spots as the Dark Continent. Don Morris and Boyd Hunter are the two responsible for the theme angle of the assembly.

Try-outs were held during the

week of January 9 to select approximately six acts of what is considered to be a "frivolous type of entertainment."

Although the program is, at the time of this writing, surrounded only by mystery and intrigue, Mr. Nelson states that "the student body may look forward to an outstanding performance by an outstanding group of students who are notorious for their outstanding performances." At any rate, the Senior Assembly will transport the student body from the anguish and pain of the morning after the night before (report cards, that is) to a blissful world of frivolity where math, science, and Senior Problems are nonexistent.

Plans Are Laid For May Show

Acalanes girls are finally being taught a little about sports! During football season the team showed us what we should look for at a football game, and at the Girls' League meeting Friday the rules of basketball were explained. The team showed us, too, how to play the game the **wrong** way.

More things than basketball were talked about at the meeting, although there was nothing mentioned this time about what we girls are doing wrong. A Girls' League cake sale is planned for Wednesday, January 25th, during finals, and since it is the biggest club Acalanes has, and its members are the best cooks, it should be the greatest cake sale of the year.

In May the annual Fashion Show put on by the clothing classes will be held. It is only for mothers and daughters although the six escorts who will be helping the girls up and down the steps leading to the stage will be admitted. The outfits modeled will range from bathing suits and slacks to suits and formals. It should be a large and interesting show, since there are seven periods of clothing this year taught by Mrs. Frazier and Mrs. Ellison.

In past years the fashion show has been enjoyed by the mothers of the models, and this year should prove no exception. The girls are again advised to serve their mothers first, since they are our guests.

Accent on Acalanes

By MARCIA WORTHING

Once again it is final-schminal time and once again I have taken the attitude toward each exam that: "if I don't know it now I'll never know it — so why study?" The only trouble with me is that I never know it in the first place. Oh well, who wants to go to college, anyway?

In order to add a little fun to your week, I have some questions you can ask a certain few people which are sure to embarrass them. Ask Linda Wadsworth how she makes 15 cents whenever she forgets her lunch money. Or if you really want to see a red face, make Bettye Abel tell you exactly what happened the day her sweat pants fell off in P. E. Be sure and have Carolyn Rossi explain to you all about a little banana peel which happened to get in her path a week ago after the noon movie. And don't forget to ask the mature Denny Toll who Herman and Harry are, and to make Penny Place reveal to you why she never answers any question in English IV. To conclude your question, ask Lois Turner who she thinks is going to be Miss America of 1963 (you'll be shocked.)

Now that I have embarrassed six of my former friends, I will make like Walter Winchell and give you the latest gossip (me and Hedda Hopper). Joan McNulty drove all through Walnut Creek on December 29 at 10 p. m. without her lights and kept wondering the whole time why it was so dark out . . . Linda Morley fell down at the D. A. two times . . . Dave Dornsife successfully obtained a Miramonte rally hat to add to his collection of rally hats from other schools . . . Jane Wolf will be getting to bed early until March 1 because of N. Y. E. . . . Bob McQuade literally grounded Sue Stiles when he pulled the chair out from under her in English . . . John Fisher had his car completely rebuilt and the first day he proudly drove it to school, he ran out of gass . . . perhaps the highlight of the Rally Dance was Darby Trainer's burlesque act which was performed with the help of Bob Hernandez, . . . Jim Neuman, Steve Harper, and Dennis Musante tried unsuccessfully to make hot buttered rum one night in Jim's kitchen . . . Listening to hearts in physiology was stopped by laughter when Tony LaRosa's heart beat went up about 30 beats per minute as soon as he began holding Carol Chamber's hand.

Well, that's about all. Enjoy your finals!

EDITORIAL

Counselors Under Strain, Overworked and Need Help

By SHEILA HORTON

The counseling office needs help! Although Acalanes is considered to have the best counseling office in the area, it is overworked.

At the present time we have one counselor working full time for every 500 students. District policy only allows 18 hours per day for counseling.

Acalanes needs a full-time counselor for every 250 students if all the students who need help are to receive it. We realize that in order to obtain this goal it will be necessary to change district policy concerning the number of hours for counseling per day.

Not only do counselors help

students work out their problems, they also have to spend a great deal of their time with parents and administrative work. These two duties take away part of their limited time, all of which should be spent helping the students themselves.

What can the students at Acalanes do to remedy this problem? The parents in this area must realize the problem. In order to solve the problem, a bond issue or something similar may be necessary. However, the students at Acalanes can inform their parents of the problem and the parents can take it from there.

Every student has talked with his counselor some time during this year or a previous year of high school. All of the counselors teach school as well as counsel. Therefore the time a student may see his counselor is limited. A student has to interrupt a class in order to see his counselor. In order to change this, Acalanes must have a least two full-time counselors.

Every student will need help some time during his high school career. Let's make it possible for a student to receive sufficient help and guidance whether he is college material or not.

Mr. Stamper Airs Beliefs

A strong advocate of learning is Mr. Tom Stamper, teacher of World History and Geography at Acalanes. His pet peeve is the complacent individual — especially the young students. He believes that the great challenge for young people today is that we have just about reached the



Mr. Stamper

end of the old people ruling the world. There is a necessity for new ideas to be worked over and this is a job for the young because they are full of energy and daring. He puts a great deal of stock in reading and learning because in this confused world the frustrated learner is ignored and success is often measured in money. By teaching, Mr. Stamper hopes to help youth meet this challenge.

Mr. Stamper was born in Fort Gay, West Virginia, but grew up in Salem, Virginia, graduating from Andrew Lewis High. Then he went on to Washington State and a year at Stanford. During World War II he spent four years with the Navy. Having taught two years at Reedley High near Fresno, he came to Acalanes in 1953 because he was very much impressed with the educational system at Acalanes. "Here they are anxious to learn about the world and with their college prep approach it gives the teacher a chance to try out new ideas," he stated.

In 1957-58 he received a leave of absence to teach American children at Zaragoza, Spain, for the Air Force. In Spain he found himself in a land of dictatorship. "The few intellectuals were apparently underground and on the surface the people seemed complacent and happy. Bullfighting and soccer being their favorite sports."

He is married and has a 16 months old daughter who he proudly says is very bright.

This issue is dedicated to Mr. Stamper because of the respect and admiration the Blueprint has for him as a teacher and individual.

New Year Resolutions

When confronted with the question: "Have you made any New Year's resolutions?" the following students of Acalanes made the following replies:

Rick Arne (JR.): "I resolve not to wear lipstick all year." (Whose lipstick were you wearing?)

Stu Fox (SR.): "I resolve to be immoral for the rest of my life." (Better watch out, girls!)

Kathy Burt (FROSH): "I will not let Mr. Thurling get on my nerves anymore."

Alice Nimmo (SOPH.): "There's nothing for me to improve on." (Oh, yeah?)

Barbara Nimmo (SOPH): "I'm going to improve Alice."

Bob Gillham (JR.): "I'm going to stop beating my sister. (Oh, I wouldn't do that.)

Steve Harper (SR. — after two accidents): "I decided to drink and not drive."

Guadeloupe C. Schultz (JR.): "This child resolves to stay away from females." (We'll have to do better than this, girls.)

Carolyn Rossi (FROSH): "I resolve not to slip on any more banana peels at noon movies." (What do you expect from a freshman?)

Sue Rowe (JR.): "I'm going to start brushing my teeth again."

Leslie Jones (SR.): "I will try to pass geometry for the THIRD year!"

EDITOR'S COLUMN

(The views expressed in this column do not necessarily reflect the views of the Blueprint staff.)

By SHEILA HORTON

Student Council is now making an all out effort to inform the Student Body on Student Control. The council should be commended for the interest it is taking in informing the Student Body. It is unfortunate that the Council did not take this action before voting the Control into effect. However, these brochures are a step in the right direction.

It is interesting to note that individual maturity is constantly brought up by the Council in their pamphlets. We are supposed to be mature enough to control ourselves. If we are mature enough to govern and control ourselves, and I believe that we are, then why is it that we are not mature enough to have a library open without pass during lunch time This seems to indicate a distinct contradiction.

At this time I would like to state Blueprint's position concerning this Student Control. This newspaper is not campaigning for or against the Control. We are merely making an effort to inform the Student Body and to poll their opinions. We feel that since this Control has already been voted on by the Council, the best thing we can do is to point out some of its weaknesses. This is not being done to turn the Student Body against the Council's work, or to show that the Council was hasty in its actions. Our main reason for pointing out the Control's weakness is to strengthen. After all, nothing can be made stronger unless its weaknesses are known.

Stamps Are On Display

The Acalanes High School Library is currently featuring a philatelic display.

Showing in the three lighted display cases in the hall outside the library are such interesting stamps as the Monaco Wedding Issue, honoring the marriage of Grace Kelley to Prince Ranier, and a set issued by Ecuador designed to attract collectors to Ecuadorian culture. There is an artistic collection of recent Japanese and Famous American covers (envelopes) included in this display group. These envelopes are of particular interest because actual photographs of famous Americans are shown with the stamp depicting such notables as Horace Mann, Stephen Foster, Booker T. Washington, John Greenleaf Whittier, Washington Irving, John James Audubon, Walt Whitman and Walter Reed.

Another display case contains stamps from Japan, each a work of oriental art. Included in this group is the set issued to honor the recent wedding of the Crown Prince.

Featured in the museum case located inside the library are issues of stamps from the countries of Ghana and Azerbaijan. There are exotic stamps from the strife-torn country of Laos. The oldest stamp on display is from Great Britain, printed about 1850.

The stamps are from the collections of Jack Perella and Dale Valory, stamp enthusiasts and seniors at Acalanes.

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CHEAT NOTES FOILED BY PROFESSOR! This lad, obviously unprepared for his semester finals, tried to pull a fast one, failing to look behind him.

Students To Endure Finals

We all must endure finals twice a year, and it is to the students' benefit to do a good job with them. The type of final you get depends on your teacher; specifically, the stamina of that teacher for correcting the final. In that area some are more fortunate than others. Maybe when planning your scholastic program, it would be wise not only to sign up for your desired classes, but choose classes where the instructors are known to be patronizers of pills, or frequently absent.

It is important for you to know what your mental abilities — or areas of intelligence — are for each individual class. Your own pattern

of abilities will help determine your success in your school work, your recreation, and your career.

The experts on intelligence seem to agree that the limits you can reach, mentally, are pretty well determined at birth. But they also agree that very few of us ever reach high enough or work hard enough to get the full value of the mental equipment we are given.

Finals are a means of testing how much you have applied yourself during the semester and how much you have retained. They also fill the definition of a thorough mental exercise. There is no such thing as evading the finals; so the best pattern to follow is to go in swinging and hope to come out the same.

Why Student Control?

Why is one of the best words one can use, and when something new is presented, it is often the first thought in our minds. This is the second paper on student control.

1. WHY are we going to try Student Control?

Anyone of high school age is old enough and responsible enough to take care of himself. The Acalanes student body can and should become more independent of the faculty — as we are by establishing this new concept. For an example, without some form of encouragement toward self improvement, Acalanes may find itself drastically changed. For instance, the two period lunch system may be instituted to curb the conduct and litter problem that now occurs.

2. WHY do other schools have Student Control?

The responsibility and school pride an honor system initiates has proved tremendously valuable in helping over-all student morale. This is not necessarily the responsibility for the other guy, but the responsibility of thinking twice yourself. Every school in this area has some form of student honor — and it has proved successful. The Acalanes Student Council has wisely waited to make sure this idea really does work before asking you, the students, to accept it.

3. WHY should everybody know about it?

It will be everyone's job to see if we can't promote a more conscientious student body. This will help eliminate litter, cheating and give our school spirit a push in the right direction. It will also enable us to control our own assemblies, and is effectively a challenge to our collective maturity — we think the students can do it!

4. WHY must it be given a fair chance?

Many years of Student Councils at Acalanes have given close looks at Student Control. Now we are finally independent and mature enough for it. We sincerely believe it will improve every facet of school life. Whatever form is adopted at first will of necessity go through many revisions, but serious, thoughtful criticism and understanding will help contribute to its usefulness and success. Let's give it an effort and a real try!

Dons Lose

The Acalanes Dons, in their most important basketball game, lost to Miramonte. The Dons completely fell apart in the last half, and only managed to score eight points.

This loss put Acalanes in second place in league competition behind Miramonte.

Although the Don team as a whole failed to perform, Tom Strain was high point man with seven.

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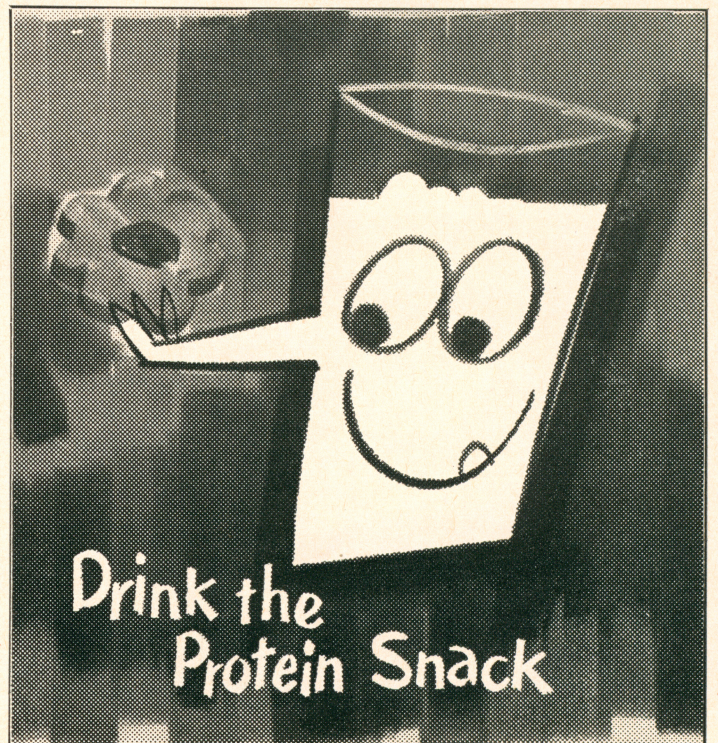
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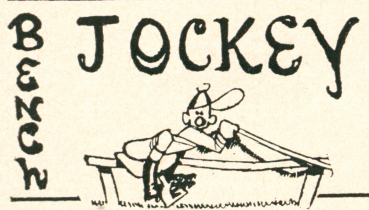
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Well, I always heard that women were afraid of rodents, and I guess the Las Lomas basketball team is no exception. It seems that the mighty Knight dropped a nine point decision to the Miramonte Gophers a couple of Tuesdays ago.

A little closer to home the Don varsity seems to be doing a little better than expected at the pre-season rating time. Boasting a two-win-no-loss record in league play the Dons moved into Piedmont for what should have been a tremendous game. However when the Dons got off to a fourteen to zero lead early in the first period, the Scots just didn't have a chance. Nothing tells this better than the final score of 50-30.

If the consistant shooting of Dennis Herrick, Dave Stegman, and John Paul Jones stays consistant the Dons are a team to be reckoned with no matter who they play. Also the fine floor play of Tom Strain and Doug Treter must be taken into consideration.

Soccer at Acalanes is taking hold like wild fire. I believe that if the administraiton would back them that a Spring Sport of soccer could be arranged. If any other schools in the area are interested in forming a league please contact the Sports Department of this paper.

Dons Triumph

Tom Strain, Acalanes forward, scored on a driving lay-up with only 51 seconds left to go in the final period to give the Acalanes Dons a heart-stopping victory, 34-37, over the San Ramon varsity basketball team.

Dennis Herrick put the game on ice, 32 seconds later, by hitting a charity toss to give the Dons a three point lead and a victory.

A determined San Ramon five trailed throughout the game until Wolf forward, Stellmacher, hit a driving hook to even the score at 35 all. From that point on the Dons went into an effective stalling pattern until Strain's game-winning lay-up.

Wolf forwards, Ellman and Stellmacher, lead the Wolves in their dramatic comeback, as they rallied from six points behind, 32-26, third quarter score, and back from a 23-15 deficit. The two combined for a total of 21 points, with Stellmacher getting 13 points, high for the Wolves.

The Dons jumped off to a quick four point lead when center Dennis Herrick, the game's high scorer with 14 points, hit two consecutive jumpshots. Then, hard pressed by San Ramon's zone defense, Acalanes showed signs of first quarter jitters,

Acalanes Grabs Lead

Dons Annihilate Bulldogs; Highlanders Bow to Varsity

Making their league debut, the Acalanes Dons rallied late to beat the Alhambra Bulldogs 41-29 at Alhambra Friday night. The contest featured the effective defenses of both clubs.

Defense predominated the first half as the score was 14-12 with Don five on top. Acalanes went ahead seven to four at the close of the first period. Scoring Don goals were Dennis Herrick and Doug Treter. In the second stanza, the Dons went cold and Alhambra went on top ten to seven on a bucket and a pair of free tosses by Bulldog guard Henry Barlett. However, the Acalanes quint rallied in the last two minutes on goals by Herrick and Dave Stegman to lead at the half.

In the third period, the Dons stepped up the pace and went ahead 24-19. The quint was paced this time by the guards, Stegman and John Paul Jones.

In the final stanza Acalanes rallied to score 17 points to ice the game. The Don defense tightened up and caused the home team to make mistakes resulting in Don tallies.

High scorer for the Dons was Dave Stegman who netted ten points. He was followed by Dennis Herrick and John Paul Jones who had nine and seven points respectively.

The victory made coach Bert Barnett's debut a success. The new varsity coach hopes the Dons can go all the way as did Coach Glines' team in the past.

The Don Babes won the preliminary game by dumping the Bullpups 54-36. Guard Gary Miller paced all scorers with 19 points.

as they failed to score the remainder of the first quarter. Hitting only a miserable 16 percent of their shots, Acalanes trailed San Ramon 8 to 4 as the quarter ended.

Acalanes made it three in a row as it knocked off the Piedmont Highlanders 50-30 at Piedmont Friday afternoon. The contest was highlighted by the effective defense, and the fine shooting of the visiting Dons.

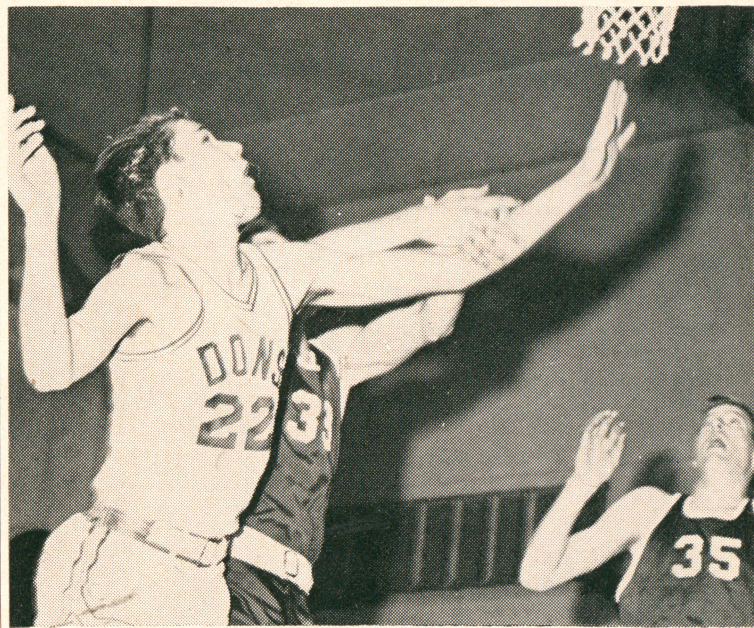
Acalanes jumped away quick and led 14-0 midway through the opening period. This spree was led by the fine shooting of forward Doug Treter, who sank three quick buckets. The Dons let up at that point, but they held a commanding 17-7 lead. In this period the Dons hit eight of 15 from the floor.

The Scots began to move early in the second quarter as they narrowed the score to 17-12. At that point, however, the visitors again found the range as guard John Paul Jones sank two straight baskets. At the intermission, the Don five was in front by a 27-15 count.

Piedmont came out in a full court press in the third period. With it, they scored two fast buckets by Bill Clayton. Again the Dons got red hot and hit four straight baskets to boost their margin to 35-21. The score remained the same as the quarter ended.

In the final stanza the visitors pulled away on baskets by Dave Stegman, Jones, Dennis Herrick, and Theter to a 45-26 margin. Rich Prestwood hit eight points in this quarter for the home club, but his efforts were to no avail, as the Dons left the floor, winning 50-30.

Leading the Don scorers was Dennis Herrick with 11, followed by Stegman with 10, Treter nine, Jones and Strain seven, and Abernathy, Cardinet, and Hein with two each.



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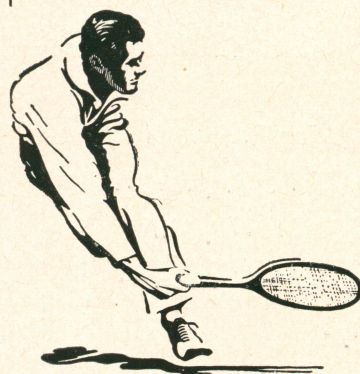
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